

WE CLAIM:

1. An absorbent article, comprising:

a top sheet;

a back sheet;

5 an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of said top sheet
and at least a portion of said back sheet, wherein a first pair of vertical cuffs are
mounted on the topsheet opposite one another along respective side edges of
said absorbent core, said top sheet and said absorbent core forming a core
assembly, wherein said first pair of vertical cuffs extend upward from respective
10 side edges of said core assembly to define a first region there-between for
containing body exudates; and

a second pair of vertical cuffs mounted on said back sheet on opposite
sides of said core assembly and laterally outboard of said first pair of vertical
cuffs, creating a second region between said core assembly and said second pair
15 of vertical cuffs for containing body exudates.

2. The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a chassis on
which said back sheet is mounted.

3. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said top sheet is partially
wrapped around said absorbent core.

20 4. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said top sheet is made
from a liquid permeable non-woven material.

5. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said back sheet is made
from a liquid impermeable material.

25 6. The absorbent article of claim 5, wherein said liquid impermeable
material is polyethylene.

7. The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising a transfer layer disposed between at least a portion of said top sheet and at least a portion of said absorbent core.

8. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said core assembly is
5 centered on said back sheet, and extends the entire length of said back sheet.

9. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said first pair of vertical cuffs extend along the entire length of said core assembly.

10. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said first pair of vertical cuffs extend only partially along the length of said core assembly.

10 11. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said second pair of vertical cuffs extend along the entire length of said back sheet.

12. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said first pair of vertical cuffs are made from a liquid impermeable material.

15 13. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein said second pair of vertical cuffs are made from a liquid impermeable material.

14. An absorbent article, comprising:

a top sheet;

a back sheet;

an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of said top sheet
20 and at least a portion of said back sheet, wherein a first pair of vertical cuffs are mounted on the topsheet opposite one another along respective side edges of said top sheet and on top of said absorbent core, said top sheet being partially wrapped around said absorbent core forming a core assembly, wherein said first pair of vertical cuffs extend upward from respective side edges of said core
25 assembly to define a first region there-between for containing body exudates;

a second pair of vertical cuffs mounted on said back sheet on opposite sides of said core assembly, creating a second region between said core assembly and said second pair of vertical cuffs for containing body exudates.

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